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SUBJECT: QUEBEC ELECTIONS

ON EVE QUEBEC PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS OCTOBER 29, POLL BY PUBLIC
OPINION INSTITUTE MONTREAL SHOWS LIBERALS 35.2 PERCENT: PQ 21.1;
CREDITISTES 9.8; UN 4; AND UNDECIDED 25.3. POLL AT OUTSET CAMPAIGN
PLACED CREDITISTES AND UN ABOUT SAME PLACE, BUT LATEST SAMPLING
INDICATES LIBERALS HAVE LOST 2.2 POINTS AND PQ GAINED 2.4 POINTS.
LAST WEEK CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN MORE LIVELY THAN FIRST TWO, MAJOR
DEBATE BEING BETWEEN LIBERALS AND PQ ON ECONOMIC
PROFITABILITY FEDERALISM OR SEPARATISM.
BOTH SIDES, IN ADDITION HEAVY RELIANCE ON EPITHET "LIAR",
HAVE RELEASED STREAMS OF FIGURES OF LARGELY TECHNICAL
NATURE SO THAT MAIN RESULT PROBABLY TO CONFUSE UNDECIDED AND
STRENGTHEN CONVICTIONS OF CONVERTED. PQ "BOMSHELL"
THIS PAST WEEK HAS BEEN RELEASE GOVERNMENT STUDY PURPORTING
SHOW DRAIN OF CAPITAL FROM QUEBEC OVER RECENT YEARS.
LIBERALS HAVE VIGOROUSLY DENIED THIS, ASSERTING PQ HAS AGAIN
PURLOINED AND DISTORTED UNCOMPLETED GOVERNMENT STUDY,
BUT PQ HAS NEVERTHELESS SKILLFULLY EXPLOITED ADVANTAGE ATTACKER
HAS IN THIS KIND OF EXCHANGE.
QUESTION OF FEDERAL INTERFERENCE IN ELECTIONS HAS SCARCELY BEEN
MENTIONED, THOUGH DID ARISE BRIEFLY LAST WEEK WHEN SOME TWENTY
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APCS BROUGHT TROOPS FROM NEARBY BASE VALCARTIER TO CITADEL IN QUEBEC

FOR "INSPECTION", WHICH PROMPTED PRO-PQ PRESS TO CHARGE THIS WAS
HEAVY-HANDED WARNING WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF VOTE DID NOT GO "RIGHT".
SUBSTANTIAL CORRECTIONS WERE MADE IN PERMANENT VOTING LIST
DURING REVISION PERIOD, BUT QUESTION ACCURACY OF LIST NOT YET
RESOLVED; MONTREAL AREA REPORTEDLY HAS AT LEAST SOME ONE
HUNDRED THOUSAND LESS REGISTERED VOTERS THAN FOR FEDERAL
ELECTIONS JUST ONE YEAR AGO.
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